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Pennsylvania's 2009 Fruit Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 7, 2010 - - Pennsylvania apple production was 510 million pounds in 2009, up 16 percent from 2008, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 510 million pounds, 483 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 24,300 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$67.1 million, down 13 percent from 2008. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.40 billion pounds, New York produced 1.38 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 1.15 billion pounds.

Tart cherry production was 3.9 million pounds from 600 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 6,500 pounds, unchanged from 2008. The preliminary farm level value was \$974 thousand. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 266 million pounds.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 64,000 tons from 13,600 acres in 2009. The preliminary farm level value was \$18.6 million. There were 55,800 tons of Concord, 3,300 tons of Niagara, and 4,900 tons of other grapes crushed in 2009. Grapes processed for wine totaled 8,400 tons, down 36 percent from 2008. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in grape production behind California, Washington, New York, and Michigan.

Pennsylvania peach production was 27,900 tons from 4,400 acres in 2009. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 6.34 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$29.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in peach production behind California, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Georgia.

Pear production was 5,820 tons from 800 acres in 2009. The preliminary farm level value was \$4.1 million.

Fruit Production: Pennsylvania and U.S., 2008-2009

Fruit	Pennsylvania				United States			
	Bearing Acres		Total Production		Bearing Acres		Total Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>
Apples	21,000	21,000	440	510	350,590	347,800	9,633.3	9,914.9
Tart Cherries	600	600	3.9	3.9	34,750	35,550	214.4	358.9
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Grapes	13,600	13,600	107,200	64,000	935,950	942,900	7,319,260	7,294,840
Peaches ¹	4,400	4,400	21,200	27,900	99,000	94,330	709,310	634,770
Pears	800	800	2,400	5,820	58,620	57,000	869,850	957,220

¹ Excludes California clingstones.

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